



**Trinity City Council
Special Called Meeting
May 10, 2005
5:30 PM**

The Special Called meeting of the Trinity City Council was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2005 at the Trinity Memorial United Methodist Church.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor, Jimmy Shore; Council members Karen Bridges, Phil Brown, Barbara Ewings, Barry Lambeth, Bob Labonte, Dwight Meredith, and Edith Reddick.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Miles Talbert.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Ann Bailie; City Attorney, Bob Wilhoit; City Planning/Zoning Code Enforcement Administrator, Adam Stumb; City Clerk/Finance Officer, Debbie Hinson; City Engineer Randy McNeill; Members of the Press; and other interested parties.

ITEM I. Welcome

Mayor Shore opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

ITEM II. Invocation

Council member Lambeth gave the invocation.

ITEM III. Accept or Amend Agenda

Mayor Shore called for a motion to Accept or Amend the Agenda.

Council member Labonte made a motion to amend the agenda to change Council Comments Item 4 to Item 6A to follow Public Hearings. Council member Reddick seconded the motion. The motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.

ITEM IV. Council Comments

**** This item was amended and changed to Item 6-A****

ITEM V. Fire Department Statements

Guil-Rand Fire Department

Chief Larry Brower advised Council members that Guil-Rand worked with the Fire Task Force Committee in their efforts and hoped his department provided everything the committee requested because there was nothing to hide. The Guil-Rand Fire Department strives to provide the best professional services to all the communities that they served. We serve approximately 69% of Trinity and we are constantly changing and doing new things. In the last year we have been certified by the state to install child safety and booster seats. He discussed new State Certified programs that Guil-Rand had implemented that qualified personnel to give injections for reactions to bee stings, or allergic reactions, as well as the ability to insert a tube to keep airway passage open to assist with breathing if needed. We keep our department up to date with anything new that comes out in an effort to assist persons in need.

Fair Grove Fire Department

Mr. Mark Finney, Chairman of Board of the Fair Grove Fire Department read from the Response to City of Trinity Fire Protection Task Force Study addressing some statements they felt were unjust or misrepresented by the study. (Inserted into the minute book as attachment)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM VI. Fire Protection Study

Prior to opening the Public Hearing Mayor Shore made the following statement:

“The City Council respectfully requests that the speakers refrain from personal attacks on Council members and Fire Task Force Members. Council welcomes constructive comments on the Fire Protection Task Force Study. This is what we are looking for.”

At this time, Mayor Shore opened the Public Hearing to anyone who wished to speak concerning the Fire Protection Study. He advised persons speaking that they would be allowed 3 minutes to speak. If you are part of a group please consider having one (1) spokesman for the group.

Sidney Underwood: Mr. Underwood stated the Fair Grove Fire Department had answered the call every time he had called. They have been to my home place a couple of times for chimney fires as well as my house. They were able to save the home place (chimney fire). I have stated many times that I would not trade 1 volunteer for 2 paid people because they have really put their heart into it and have really done the job. I remember the \$5.00 fee I paid for Fair Grove Fire protection and they have come a long way since I paid that 5.00. They have done an excellent job and I think they need to be commended for it.

Rusty Slate: Mr. Slate advised Council he was the representative of the 11 business owners listed on the petition from the Industrial Park at Turnpike Court that was given to Council members. We are in dire need to upgrade the fire protection in our Industrial Park. We need water lines and fire hydrants on Pike View Drive and Turnpike Court Water lines are currently located on Turnpike Court, however our current location is approximately ¼ mile from the nearest fire hydrant. We are asking the City to help us get water lines and fire hydrants closer to our building. He discussed the number of persons that currently worked in this industrial park and how these upgrades would benefit Trinity by adding additional business and workers. He discussed the conditions of the road and the need for improvements to these as well. He advised Council members that he was not sure the roads were passable for any fire trucks whether it was Guil-Rand or Fair Grove.

Bobby Beck: Mr. Beck discussed the location of a prior home he owned in Fair Grove Forest to the Fair Grove Fire Department. Because I could hear every time the fire truck was dispatched I can say they were very efficient in their calls. He also stated that Fair Grove was very up to date as well. Mr. Beck stated that he was currently living in Steeplegate and one of the things that had impressed him with Fair Grove was that he had noticed on three (3) occasions they were checking the fire hydrants to make sure they worked in this subdivision. They are very well equipped and efficient and a good department. They have been there a long time and should know what they are doing.

Belinda Brooks, Woodcrest Street; Ms. Brooks advised Council that most of her concerns came with questions. She discussed her sickness (Brittle Asthmatic) which caused her to be put on the emergency call list. If I call and I can't speak there is supposed to be immediate dispatch. If I had one of my attacks and Fair Grove (my current provider of service) came to my aid would I be taken to the Thomasville or High Point Hospital? **Answer: EMS of Randolph County will come to your aid- upon your request take you to the designation of your choice or if you could not speak they would more than likely take you to High Point.**

Ms. Brooks discussed the possible establishment of a new Guil-Rand Station on Welborn Road and asked if there was property under contract or option to purchase by Guil-Rand for a new station. Currently I am not aware of a Guil-Rand Fire Station that I would be included in for the 5-mile radius as discussed by Fair Grove. **Answer: Guil-Rand personnel advised Ms. Brooks she was in the 5-mile radius of a Guil-Rand District, however since she was being serviced by the Fair Grove Department that is who would respond to her call. Also, there is land under contract for a Fire Department.**

Ms. Brooks asked both stations how soon would either one of the departments have a new fire station in this area. **Answer: Fair Grove - within 1 to 1 ½ years, Guil-Rand the same or sooner.**

Ms. Brooks asked how many paid staff and how many volunteers did the Guil-Rand Department have. It was mentioned in the report from Fair Grove they have 2 paid fireman and 2 volunteers at the station located closest to us. **Answer for Guil-Rand; Fair Grove is part time our personnel is full time. Currently at the Surrent Station we have 1 paid full time staff 24 hours per day. Our plans are to have full time not part time at the new station.**

Ms. Brooks thanked both Fire Departments for their comments.

Carlton Boyles: Mr. Boyles began by commending the City Council for one of the best advancements in fire protection in Trinity of installing the new water line. Mr. Boyles discussed some of the topics

discussed in 1998 by the Safety Committee for the City of Trinity. It was his opinion that through discussions in this committee the decision was reached that the City had the best of any situation that we could other than having our own fire department with two (2) volunteer forces. One of the problems that we realized with Guil-Rand was that their outlying stations only had one (1) man. State standard procedures require 2 firemen to be at the scene before they can enter a burning structure. It is approximately 4 ½ miles from Surret Drive to my house and 7 miles from the main street station where the support person would have to come from. There is 3 definitive miles difference. Fire trucks do not run 60 mph, so we are talking about 3 additional minutes. I remember the fire chief from the City of Raleigh stating to us not to spend a nickel on anything as a city except for things that will decrease response time. Mr. Boyles discussed the controversy concerning the Pioneer Restaurant in 2004 being 2.1 miles from the main station and the response time. There was a total structure loss in every district of Guil-Rand in 2004.

I am still of the opinion today that the City of Trinity has the best situation they possibly could have. I know there can be an improvement concerning the mutual aid agreement. This was my comment to both departments when we studied this issue in 1998. I think they are better than they were in 1998 but they could be improved. You never get to a point where you can't improve if you want to. One thing that really bothers me about trying to take over the district of a volunteer fire department is the precedent that can be set by allowing one larger station to take over a smaller area for whatever the reason. After I left your Retreat in early 2004 I realized that things were about to get testy about peoples feelings. I took the property evaluation in the Fair Grove area and used a \$.10 tax rate per \$100.00 evaluation. It totaled over \$248,000.00 and there has been a large amount of building taking place since then. That would be a very lucrative thing for Guil-Rand. In 1998 there was an effort within the first elected Council to push Fair Grove out of their district. At that time Ben Loeb wrote numerous e-mails to the Safety Committee and particularly me that stated the legal ramifications of what could or could not be done. If you look at the bylaws of North Carolina, that Fire District is protected. For the City of Trinity to embark on something that is going to divide the city and its citizens I think will degenerate fire protection in the City. Mr. Boyles discussed a common opinion shared by Council member Brown and himself about the purpose of serving on Council. This purpose was to serve the citizens. The Fire Study that was completed by this Task Force was flawed. It does not in any way find any deficiency in Guil-Rand and the biggest deficiency that we have about the coverage in our city is to have one person at one fire station to respond to a fire or any other emergency and he not be able to fight that fire until someone else comes from a support station. We recommended in 1998 that there should be 2 people in those stations. This is 7 years later and there still are not 2 people at those stations. Everything that we asked of the Fair Grove Fire Department as a City has been implemented and they have went beyond what the City asked. We spent over a year on the first Safety Committee with the first issues that you are confronted with. Our purpose was not to push Fair Grove out but to improve fire protection and we did as a City. No one has mentioned anything about distribution of water in this city. You are going to pay a large amount of money to run major lines through the city. The best thing this Council could do for fire protection would be to install fire hydrants as you put in the lines. This will enhance the fire protection in both Guil-Rand and Fair Grove areas. The name of the game is the portability of water, equipment, and manpower. I know you have a tough situation but I hope you do not try to circumvent the fire laws of North Carolina.

With no others to speak, Mayor Shore closed the Public Hearing.

VI-A. Council Comments

Mayor Shore opened this item and called for comments.

Prior to Council comments, members of the Fire Task Force were given an opportunity to respond to discussion brought out in the Public Hearing.

Steve Foley: Mr. Foley responded to comments made regarding the increase in the tax rates. This information can be found in the report presented and are a part of the minutes from the September 20th of the Fair Grove Fire Department. Mr. Foley read from the section of those minutes the section that concerned taxes as addressed by Chief Rudisill, (the fire department could pay for the station but more than likely would need to raise the fire tax rate 2 to 3 cents. .

Kelly Grooms: This report that was done is not against the firemen. The information in the report is the information that was provided to us. What was presented tonight was not presented to us as a Task Force.

Mickey Callahan: To my knowledge the Task Force has been disbanded. I think if we had been given a copy of all of this information that has been reported here tonight we would have used it. As stated by

Kelly Grooms everything that we reported we have documentation for. We reported on the information that we requested and that was provided to us. If there was anything that was different it was because it was omitted to us.

Comments from Council

Council member Reddick: I was on the Safety Committee when this came up the first time in 1998 and I can remember men that came to one of our meetings and downed Fair Grove Fire Department. They said they had never saved one single solitary thing. These were firemen that came to our meeting and were also with the High Point Rescue Squad. I saw then that Fair Grove and Guil-Rand could never work together. I couldn't believe that they were a volunteer organization downing another volunteer operation. I told Larry Overcash the head of our committee at that time these people would never be able to work together because Guil-Rand will never do it. It is a shame that we have people in this city that need help whether it is with a fire, or an accident on I-85 with hazardous materials spills and they won't work together. This is not about whether one fire department is better than another fire department. This is all about money. I have seen it since 1998. I have heard people say they used to call Guil-Rand and they would not come out and asked questions such as are you in our district, etc. and they would not come out. We could call Fair Grove and they would come out. The really sad part about this is they have to keep bringing out the fact that there was a wreck on Unity Street where 2 young men were killed and Fair Grove could not get them out. It took them forever to get them out. Not knowing the true story one man came to our last Council meeting and said Council needed to make a decision that night. I feel sure since he is a medical emergency technician he knew the whole story, but he was trying to kick Fair Grove out also. I know I am probably the only one on the Council that feels this way but I am probably the only one in this Council that has been involved with this since 1998. Most of these people are in my ward and have not had one (1) call saying please give us Guil-Rand.

Council member Lambeth: This scares me to death that I may be lying in a ditch where we are splitting a line and we may have people that may not step over that line. I'm sorry but I have a problem with this. Not about fireman or fire department but a problem about saving peoples lives. I do not want to be that person in that ditch or any of you to be that person in that ditch. There are some things that are not right here. This is for the people in the city. You can take both of these reports and throw them on the ground. This is about saving lives and structures. That is all it is about.

Council member Labonte: I think Fair Grove did a good job in rebuttal to the Fire Task Report. The only things that happened were after the Fire Task Force was finished. It was like there was no activity until this. I've had people telling me Fair Grove is buying property and I have asked the location. I have not gotten a direct answer. I just found out from a citizen tonight about where the location is. I have read the Safety Committee Report that Mr. Boyles referred to. If Fair Grove's problems existed 7 to 8 years ago why are you just now stepping up to the plate and want to do something about it? Why did it take you so long to respond to something like this? Council member Labonte asked how many certificates one (1) person could have. You have 25 people certified for rescue and hazmat, 17 Class 1 Fireman, 15 depending on certification, that can drive the truck, and you only have 75 people. Can one (1) person be certified in more than one (1) area?

The Fair Grove department answered yes.

I have a problem with the way we are going now and I have a responsibility to the people of Trinity. I have had a lot of people talking and distorted the facts. I do not see these 2 fire departments being able to work together from what I have seen since living here from 1979 and being on this Task Force. You have had plenty of opportunity to work together so you are not leaving us a choice. It would be great to have the all of you work together but I don't see that happening because it has not happened in 7 years. What leads me to believe that you can suddenly make up and be friends and work together which is what the people of Trinity need. I am not concerned about Davidson County. I am concerned about the City of Trinity.

Council member Brown: Council member Brown stated his comments were not being made to put down either department. Council member Brown discussed the comments he had heard tonight from different persons from Fair Grove trying to bash Guil-Rand. Most of us do not deal in rumors and innuendos. We deal with facts. There are a couple of things that have not been mentioned here tonight. Guil-Rand does have full time paid personnel. I also have the minutes from the 1998 meeting. It states in these minutes that Fair Grove was going to meet or exceed what Guil-Rand does. Everyone in Trinity travels through these districts. Guil-Rand is entrusted with the County Schools located in Trinity to provide fire and rescue

protection during the school year. The most important resource this city or any other city has in the future is the children.

I have not heard one (1) person from Guil-Rand say anything negative about Fair Grove, however, I have constantly heard people the other way around. Council member Brown asked if the Chief, Assistant Chief, and the Deputy Chief of Fair Grove actually lived in the Davidson County portion of the Fair Grove Fire District.

The Fair Grove Fire Chief advised Council members that he lived in an annexed portion of Thomasville. I did live in there and moved a couple of years ago. I am exactly 1 mile from our district line in Randolph County. The Deputy Chief advised Council that he lived in the Fair Grove district near the East Davidson High School.

Council member Brown discussed telephone calls he received concerning an accident at the Finch Farm Bridge this past Christmas Eve. I noticed that it was reported in the newspaper that Ash-Rand was there 3 minutes after Fair Grove arrived. There was something about the time that was not quite right in my mind so I requested and got a written transcript of that entire call. There was discussion between the Fair Grove Chief and Council member Brown concerning the response times listed on the report. Council member Brown called on Mr. John Cable from the audience (Board of Directors with Guil-Rand) to answer a question. There has been discussion by both departments concerning purchasing property. It is my understanding that Guil-Rand has a location or is obtaining a location for a temporary station.

Mr. Cable stated that they had a commitment on a location for a temporary station that was in their district that is in close proximity to the site where they planned to build.

Council member Brown discussed a conversation that he had with Mr. A.C McDaniels, Senior Fire Inspector with the Department of Insurance. He advised me that regardless of where the hydrants were you were also rated on water flow. He advised me that if this district was given to Guil-Rand, after a station is built, there will be no 9s in the city. Everything will be rated at 5. I also asked him about this temporary station and he advised me that as long as everything was listed as 5 miles neither of you would have to wait a year to build a station because it would automatically go to a 5 if everything is in the 5 mile radius.

Mr. Cable stated that was why we went through a temporary station. That is why we wanted to be up and running and have a satellite facility erected. The building would take a year to complete. We have been delayed one (1) year because a member of the school board wanted to wait for this report to come out even though the land clearly sits in our district they did not want to show any kind of partisanship or favoritism towards either one. We actually have had a driveway permit from the Department of Transportation for over one (1) year. We have been sitting on hold on that position and have actively pursued it.

Council member Brown asked if this building would be staffed with full time paid fire fighters.

Mr. Cable stated they would hire and would have paid fire fighters in place 24 hours/day. The Board of the Guil-Rand Fire Department has asked that the Chief update the department's strategic 5 year plan. We have set aside monies for a fifth (5th) station. Guil-Rand's tax rate is at 10 cents. We are subsidized in Guilford County by a different format. The fire protection tax rate is set at 8.3 or 8.6 cents, but we receive sales tax unlike Randolph County, to equal a 10 cent tax rate. If they did it the other way and gave us the 10 cents flat and sales tax we would be overcharging the Guilford County residents. What we charge in Randolph we also charge in Guilford.

Council member Bridges: Council member Bridges discussed how the Council could look at figures and other things such as specific instances. We have 2 very good fire departments and it looks like they are trying to get into a turf war on Welborn Road. I have not heard any citizens telling me they wanted out of the Fair Grove District. I feel like we should get beyond this and start looking at having some Standard Operating Procedures. The best thing it looks like we could do is put in some fire hydrants so we can get a single insurance rating. That looks like the smartest thing that we as a city could do. We could look at what we want as expectations, protocol, or whatever we wanted them to accomplish just as was recommended by the Task Force and also look at joint training. To me those are very clear. I think we should look at that in the short term and then evaluate how things go after we have had some of those things in place. It does not look like eliminating one (1) department and allowing one (1) department to take over is the right way to go at this time. We need to be looking at what is going to make things better for our citizens now. I don't think we have to decide anything long term.

Council member Meredith: Council member Meredith discussed the Safety Committee Report from 1998. There were several things that Fair Grove stated they would implement one of which was to raise the fire tax rate in the Fair Grove District to 7 cents/\$100 valuation.. Another thing asked by Chairman Overcash to the Fair Grove Fire Department was if Thomasville annexed Fair Grove what would happen to Fair Grove Fire Department. They stated they would be in business but would lose approximately 40% of their Davidson County revenues and would have to raise their tax rate. Fair Grove has stated tonight they have money and would not have to raise tax rates. This is their words in this document. I want to know why it is different and why there is a difference in what they said tonight and what they said 7 years ago.

When we did this Task Force the information that we used was based on the information that was given to us either by the insurance department, Fair Grove Fire Department and Guil-Rand Fire Department. We didn't just write numbers in the report. We gave each fire department the same questions and they responded to them. Why is everything so different tonight?

Council member Ewings: Council member Ewings stated that she had listened to all the Council members. One of the things that Council member Reddick indicated was this was about money. Council member Bridges discussed the "turf war". My concern is it is not about fire departments. Council member Ewings discussed a house that she witnessed burn. There were 3 different fire departments that could have responded to this house but neither one could cross the line. For some strange reason it was not in their district and the house burned to the ground. Fire departments are not important. What is important is what someone else has already said and that is human life. That is what a fire department is there for. All of the emergency responses is there to help people and is not about fine lines. When I was in school I had to take Law 101 and I only remember 2 things from this course. "Ignorance is no excuse" and "there is a fine line between right and wrong." When you cross the line you are either doing right or wrong. Somebody has to cross the line. That house burned because no one could cross the line because it was not in their district. The important thing is there was a fire and an elderly couple lost everything they had. Thankfully someone pulled them out of the house. Having a fire department that can respond to people and their needs, both emergency and medical when needed is my only concern. It is not about who is right and who is wrong. It is having someone there to respond to the needs.

Mayor Shore: When I was elected Mayor I had several people come and ask me about fire protection. Someone asked me the question recently why did the city have a Task Force. My response to this question was it is my responsibility to each one of you that live in the City of Trinity to make sure that you are looked after. It is my responsibility to find out if everyone in Trinity is being protected. If something happens and it is not taken care of then I feel like I am at fault. I was elected to take care of all of you, not just one. I hate this has caused a turmoil, but it is still my responsibility to see that you are all being taken care of. If I have upset you by having this Task Force put together I am sorry, but the main objective was for me to make sure that everyone in this city has the same protection and everyone is looked after.

After Mayor Shore's comments, Council member Reddick stated that Council asked the Task Force to come back with something and they have recommended something. They have given us a short-term objective. Are we going to throw it to the side after they have worked for one (1) year?

Mayor Shore advised Council member Reddick that was Council's decision whether to take action or not.

Council member Labonte stated he felt after going back and reading everything that has transpired between the Safety Committee and all the people involved, the rebuttal brought to us tonight by Fair Grove as well as the information that was furnished to the Task Force stating that 2 fire departments won't satisfy the needs of the citizens of Trinity and make sure that everyone gets the same treatment, it looks like they have had 7 years to meet the short term goals. It is time that we act. How much more time do they need?

Audience member: Discussed the report he viewed on the web site and questioned the response time of Guil-Rand as noted in the report and asked if this would be corrected?

Audience member: Not a resident of Trinity but the plant superintendent of the largest hazmat company that is in the city. I have listened to everybody in here. I have watched the response time of the Fair Grove Fire Department for the last 7 years that I have lived on Old Mountain Road in Finch Farm. I have walked out there and directed traffic to get the fire department in to rescue people in the automobiles, 28 times in 2 years. They responded to my hazmat company on Turnpike Court. I have chemicals at this location that can explode and destroy that building. They responded to a false alarm in 5 minutes. There were 3 trucks

from Fair Grove to this location at Turnpike Court with 2 fireman and 18 volunteers because of the hazmat company. That is the response time of the Fair Grove Fire Department and we are being protected in this district. The district is drawn but not crossed. Let's work them out. Audience member discussed a personal event that happened to him 25 years ago resulting in a loss of his home on Kersey Valley Road. At this time Guil-Rand was a volunteer department as well. No volunteers showed up. They have gotten better but they can get better.

I am an expert in hazmat and train Thomasville, High Point, Lexington, as other fire departments all over the state. They come in to my business to learn hazmat training. Fair Grove was there. Guil-Rand was invited but did not show up.

Mr. Finley: Mr. Finley stated that anyone on this committee or anyone from the Guil-Rand Fire Department or Fair Grove Fire Department would stop at a fire boundary. If there is a fire in another district and we are there we are going to respond to that. I think everybody will agree with that. There is a boundary there but we do not get to our boundary and stop and I do not think Guil-Rand does either. If there is a fire right there we are going to go to the fire. I just wanted to reassure everybody that is what would happen.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM VII. Consider Findings of the Fire Protection Task Force

Council members, Mr. Wilhoit and Randolph County Attorney Aimee Scotton engaged in considerable discussion about Guil-Rand being designated as the single fire protection services provider for Trinity, a timeline for implementation and wording for a motion.

Aimee Scotton: Attorney Scotton advised that the Randolph County Board of Commissioners contracts with the fire departments and even if they determine that they wanted to go along with your recommendation, we have a contract in place with Fair Grove for that entire district. The time has passed for us to cancel this. It is automatically renewed for 2005-2006 and we would not be able to cancel. We have to cancel upon 6 months (180 days) written notice. This means we would not be able to cancel that until December of this year to be effective July 01, next year. It is written for either party to give that amount of notice as protection for the County if the fire department decides they are not going to uphold their end of it. The County by virtue of collecting these taxes is responsible for providing fire protection.

Council member Labonte asked Attorney Wilhoit how he needed to change his motion.

Attorney Wilhoit stated that what Council was doing was asking for a Resolution to have one (1) service provider in the City of Trinity and that provider be Guil-Rand. The motion is that this be a recommendation to the County Commissioners. The City can pass a resolution requesting the Commissioners to take action upon this recommendation. Then it goes to the Commissioners to make this decision. There is no statutory format for this Council to change this because it is all contracted through the County. The only way you could change would be if everyone consented. Then you could change the district lines, however this is not what you are asking for. You are asking for one (1) service provider within the boundaries of the City of Trinity. The motion is for passing a Resolution recommending one (1) service provider within the boundaries of the City of Trinity and that service provider be Guil-Rand. That is the way I understand the motion. You need to eliminate the date and time limits.

Council member Brown made a motion to make a Resolution to ask the County Commissioners to unify the City of Trinity's Fire District under one provider which will be Guil-Rand and this would take effect if they concur.

Ms. Scotton discussed the 180 day clause of the current contract with Fair Grove. If the contract is not terminated within the 180 days of the fiscal year which is June 30 then it automatically renews. Obviously this contract has automatically renewed for 05-06. The earliest this could be terminated would be June 30, 2006. July 01, 2006 would be the date that a new contract would start.

Attorney Wilhoit advised Council the contract Ms. Scotton referred to was pursuant to General Statutes 69-25.5 referred to in his memo.

After additional discussion, **Council member Brown made the following motion:**

To pass a Resolution recommending one (1) service provider within the boundaries of the City of Trinity and that service provider be Guil-Rand.

Prior to the second of the motion, Council member Brown stated this was for the long-term and for the short-term that both fire departments should work together.

Mayor Shore called for a second to the motion.

Council member Labonte seconded the motion. The motion and second carried 4-3 with the vote as follows:

*Council member Brown – Aye
Council member Meredith- Aye
Council member Ewings- Aye
Council member Labonte- Aye*

*Council member Reddick- Nay
Council member Lambeth- Nay
Council member Bridges- Nay*

ADDITIONAL MEETING BUSINESS

ITEM VIII. Business From Mayor and Council
NONE

ITEM IX. Business From City Manager
NONE

ITEM X. Adjournment

With no other business to discuss Mayor Shore called for a motion to adjourn the May 10, 2005 Special Called Meeting.

Council member Ewings moved to adjourn the May 10, 2005 Special Called Meeting of the Trinity City Council. Council member Reddick seconded the motion. The motion and second was approved unanimously by all Council members present.